MINUTES.

The Cahaba Baptist Association met, in its 54th Annual Session, with Pisgah Church, Perry Co., Oct. 17th, 1871. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Bishop, from Matt. 8: 11—"And I say unto you, that many shall come from the East and from the West, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

After a recess, the former Moderator, Rev. John S. Ford, called the Association to order. The business was opened with prayer by Rev. E. B. Teague.

Delegates were then enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Not represented.

Bethlehem—S. V. McGinnis,* A. M. Perry.

Concord—B. F. Bolling, S. A. Bolling, R. R. Richardson, Jas. Watters, John White.

Ephesus—J. L. Nichols, F. M. Nichols, J. F. Morton.

Fellowship—Henry W. Crawford, John T. Curb, Enoch Fagan.

Friendship—S. Crocker,* W. W. Fowler,* W. Lathm.

Hephzibah—F. M. Ford,* J. A. Jones, Ira H. Duff.

Hopewell—Joseph Evans,* George Flinn, D. S. Hogue, Henry Chapman.

Macedonia—John Griffin,* W. H. Henry, Stephen Mays.

Mars Hill—J. S. Ford, A. J. Kynerd, W. B. Cureton.

Medline—Jas. Sanders, T. A. Sanders, T. J. Nichols.

Mt. Gilead—Not represented.

Mt. Hebron—J. S. Speed,* N. J. Roberts, Jas. Halbrooks.*

Mt. Pleasant—W. A. Bishop, J. S. Miller, R. Y. Woods.

Mt. Zion—J. W. Suttle, J. C. Lee, D. E. Snead.

New Hope—J. M. Hill,* W. Massengale,* J. P. Lee.*

Pine Flat—Jas. Vanderslice, Thos. Cummings, G. Fike.

Pisgah—J. U. Wilkes, E. W. Garrison, Jesse M. Ford, C. C. Farrar.

Pleasant Hill—Cyrus Tingle, I. Geddie, McDuff Hester.*

Providence—E. S. White, G. W. Howell, S. Weaver.

Sardis—Carter Tubb,* Jas. Crews, S. S. Pool.

Siloam—J. B. Lovelace, A. Lawson, D. R. Lide, D. A. Pierson, Rev. W. H. McIntosh.

Shiloh—J. M. Heard—Isaac Thomas, L. C. Davis.

Selma—Rev. E. B. Teague, J. W. Hudson, R. C. Keeble, J. Haralson, W. C. Wood.

Ocmulgee—J. R. Shinn, T. L. Vaughn,* O. H. Perry, W. W. Smith, G. M. Smith, M. C. Curry.

Union Town—B. R. Thomas, B. F. Pollard, Edward Hudson

Union—W. R. Martin, Robt. Redding,* J. E. Stringfellow.

Absentees marked (*.)

After the letters were read and the names of the delegates were enrolled, the body proceeded to complete its organization

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by electing its officers. The former officers were re-elected—Rev. J. S. FORD, Moderator, Rev. W. A. BISHOP, Clerk.

Moved and carried that the order of business observed at the last session be the order of the present session.

Opened the door of the Association for the reception of churches. None applied.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Preaching: The pastor and deacons of Pisgah Church, and delegates R. Y. Woods, J. W. Suttles and E. S. White.

By motion of Rev. W. H. McIntosh, ministers and brethren not delegates were invited to seats with us.

By motion, Rev. E. B. Teague was recognized as representative of the Sunday School Board at Memphis, and Rev. W. H. McIntosh was recognized as representative of the Domestic Missionary Board at Marion.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Session of the Association be held with Hopewell Church, Perry county.

Appointed Committee on Finance, consisting of brethren Lovelace, George, Cummings, and Bolling.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report:

That on Sunday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., services will be conducted by Rev. A. J. Kynerd. At 11 o'clock, a sermon by Rev. E. B. Teague on Missions. At 1 o'clock, P. M., a sermon by W. H. McIntosh, D. D.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations.

Received from Mulberry a letter and delegates R. Latham and Geo. Wooley.

Union—B. H. Moore.

Appointed Committee on Documents—John A. Jones, Ch'n.

Appointed delegates to represent us in corresponding Associations, viz:

Alabama.—Rev. E. B. Teague, D. R. Lide.

Bigbee—Rev. W. A. Bishop.

Mulberry—John Suttles, Rev. J. M. Heard.

Pine Barren—S. R. Freeman, D. D., W. H. McIntosh, D. D., D. R. Lide, J. W. Hudson.

Tuskaloosa—R. Y. Woods, O. H. Perry, J. S. Miller, W. H. McIntosh, D. D.

Shelby—Rev. E. B. Teague, Rev. J. R. Shinn.

Unity—John Suttles, Rev. J. R. Shinn.

On motion, adjourned, after prayer by Rev. A. J. Kynerd, to meet at 9½ o'clock, Monday.

LORD'S DAY, Oct. 15.

Met in prayer-meeting at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. J. Kynerd.

By previous appointment, Rev. E. B. Teague preached on Missions, from Luke 16 : 31, "If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Made a collection for Missions and Sabbath School Board—Amount, $26 70

W. H. McIntosh, D. D., preached at 1 o'clock, from Gal. 6: 14. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

MONDAY, Oct. 16.

The session was opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. J. R. Shinn.

Minutes read and approved.

Report on Domestic Missions was read by Rev. J. U. Wilkes. The subject was discussed by Wilkes, McIntosh, Suttles, Heard, Teague, Woods, and Hudson. The Report was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Regular order of business suspended to take up collection for Sunday School Board. Amount collected, $20 25.

Made a collection for Domestic Missions. Raised by subscription $100, of which $50 was collected.

Raised $100 by subscription, to supply the destitute churches in the Association with the ministry.

The Moderator appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of John A. Jones, Jesse M. Ford, B. F. Bolling, whose duty it should be to receive said money and pay it over to the ministers who may preach to the destitute churches in the Association.

The duties of said committee are expressed in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Association appoint an Executive Committee to distribute the funds raised to supplement the salaries of ministers preaching to the destitute churches in the bounds of the Association.

Resolved, That the amount pledged, when collected, shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the Domestic Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, and paid out on the drafts of said Executive Committee.

MONDAY, 2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met and sung a hymn. Dr. McIntosh offered prayer.

Report on Education was read by W. H. McIntosh, D. D., and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report on Letters and Documents read and adopted. (Appendix C.)

The Committee on Nominations report that Rev. J. R. Shinn will preach the introductory discourse at the next session of the body; Rev. J. M. Heard his alternate.

Rev. W. H. McIntosh to preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday, on Missions; Rev. E. B. Teague, his alternate.

Treasurer's report read and referred to the Auditing Committee, S. A. Bolling & R. Y. Woods, who report it to be correct

Report on Temperance adopted. (Appendix D.)

Report on Foreign Missions read by the chairman, J. R. Shinn, and adopted. (Appendix E.)

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted. (F.)

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That it is the conviction of this body that the languishing condition of the churches in this Association is attributed mainly to two facts: 1st, a want of proper discipline in the churches, and, 2d, a great lack of piety, zeal and earnestness on the part of professing Christians. We recommend better pastoral support, maintenance of the prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools, and an unreserved reliance on our heavenly Father, who bestows liberally, good gifts upon all those who seek Him.

Resolved, That the S. S. Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Memphis, receive the hearty endorsement and patronage of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the people in the vicinity of Pisgah Church, for their kind hospitality to us during our stay with them.

Bro. D. R. Lide was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, viz: Freeman, Teague, Pierson, Hudson, Hogue, J. S. Ford, Shinn, Heard, Suttles, O. H. Perry, Levi Martin.

Moved, by Bro. Pierson, That the Association meet hereafter on Friday, instead of Saturday. The motion was laid upon the table.

The Moderator appointed Chairmen of Standing Committees to report at next Session:

E. B. Teague, on Education.

W. H. McIntosh, on Domestic Missions.

W. A. Bishop, on Temperance.

J. U. Wilkes, Foreign Missions.

By motion—

Resolved, That the cash sent up by the churches for Minutes and Associational purposes, be paid over to the Clerk, out of which the Minutes shall be paid for, and that he be entitled to the balance for his services.

All the business before the Association having been disposed of, prayer was offered by Rev. E. B. Teague.

Adjourned, to meet with Hopewell Church, in Perry County, on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in Oct., 1872.

J. S. FORD, *Moderator.*

W. A. BISHOP, *Clerk.*

Rec'd of W. A. Bishop, Thirty-Five Dollars for printing eight hundred copies of these Minutes.

TAYLOR & WARREN.

APPENDIX.

A.—REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of the Gospel. It is through the foolishness of preaching that it pleases God to save them that believe. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The command to preach the Gospel to every creature, is as imperative now, as when uttered by the great Head of the Church.

To meet the pressing demands upon the work of the ministry, and in lieu of a general Evangelist, your committee recommend that all the ministers in the Association be employed as *Pastors;* and that the churches be stimulated, if by any means it is possible, to meet their Scriptural claims in the way of a support; thus enabling them to occupy and possess the whole field.

Brethren of the churches and of the ministry, you *can*, if you *will.*

What say you? J. U. WILKES, *Ch'n.*

B.—REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Upon the general subject of education, your Committee are not aware that anything need be said to this Association. Its expressions in the past, with the material aid which it has furnished to promote the cause of sound learning, show sufficiently its appreciation of intellectual culture. We would, however, take this opportunity to keep before the body the advantages which are offered to those seeking an education, within our own limits. Howard College is to-day prepared to furnish the best facilities for acquiring a complete education at the least cost of any institution within our knowledge. With Col. J. T. Murfee, the energetic President, aided by Rev. S. K. Freeman, Professor of Theology, and an accomplished Faculty, skilled in the art of teaching, and earnest in their work, no one need go beyond the limits of our own State to find a College of the highest order. Of the Judson Female Institute, under the direction of the Rev. A. J. Battle, with his admirable corps of instructors, it is enough to say, that it was never more worthy of its high reputation than at the present time. We recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That we reiterate our commendation of Howard College and the Judson Female Institute, as pre-eminently worthy of our fostering care, and of the confidence and patronage of the public.

C.—REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Letters and Documents beg leave to report, that upon an examination of the letters from different churches, we find but one thing requiring the attention of the Association, to wit: A query sent to this body, which reads thus:

"It is generally admitted, and to some extent lamented, that a large portion of the churches of this Association are in a feeble, languishing, and declining condition. What shall be done, or what course shall the churches pursue, in order to remedy this state of affairs?"

Respectfully,

JNO. A. JONES, *Ch'n.*

D.—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance report: That intemperance is scattering its desolating evils all around us. What shall we do? Is there no cure for this pestilence? Must this moral contagion continue to exist? Must it continue to increase, till the world shall become a dram-shop, all the men sots, and all the children moderate drinkers? We look on, we see the evil of using ardent spirits, we deplore the evil.

Intemperance is confessedly a moral evil of the first magnitude, for God positively condemns it in His word. Entire abstinence effectually prevents it. Are we not all morally bound to do all we can to prevent what God condemns. By abstaining entirely, we put an extinguisher on intemperance. Since to drink ardent spirits while in health is injurious, its ordinary use never was, is not now, and never can be, justifiable. To refuse to use it thus, therefore, always was, is now, always will be, a duty binding on every rational, accountable being on earth. It never can be right for persons to injure themselves by drinking ardent spirits. The Scriptures in many general prohibitions forbid all evil practices, and therefore that of using ardent spirits. Do thyself no harm, and abstain from all appearance of evil, are commands of Omniscience, that condemn not only the ordinary use of spirituous liquors, but every other evil practice. All, therefore, are bound by divine authority to abstinence, for none can maintain that to use a little in health is not the appearance of evil. From this, therefore, God commands us to abstain. Shall we, or shall we not, obey?

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HEARD, *Ch'n.*

E.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: When we look on the wide-spread globe on which we live, and see how it is darkened by sin, with but few bright spots appearing upon

its face, we thank God that the light of salvation dawned. It was a dim star, that appeared in the distance, yet its bright rays, sent to a lost world, pointed to the great and blessed Redeemer; and in the fullness of time, the Lord of Glory came, to save His people from their sins, and commissioned twelve to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature—that he who believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he who believeth not shall be damned. And with the great Apostolic commission before us, how can we, who profess to love Christ and His cause, withhold our prayers and means, and all that we have, to send the glorious Gospel to a lost and ruined world? The glorious Gospel of the Son of God has filled many a homestead, and thousands of poor, benighted souls, with joy, and the wilderness has been made to blossom like the rose. But yet there remaineth much more land to be possessed. Shall we put our shoulders to the great Gospel car, or shall we stand still and let others do the work, and we lose the reward? God forbid. But let us pray that the Lord will grant us the spirit of prayer, that we may be up and doing, while it is called to-day, for the night cometh, wherein no man can work. Let us take the promises of God, and get about the great work that He has assigned us to do, for He has promised his Son the heathen for His possession, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His inheritance; and the cry comes up from the dark and benighted lands to us for help.

O Lord, grant us thy grace, that we may be the happy sharers of thy glory. The glorious Gospel must spread and widen till it fills the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep. Lord, help us, that we may be the happy instruments, in thy hands, in spreading the glorious Gospel throughout the earth. Grant to give us grace to send thy truth into all the world. Lord, fill us with a Missionary spirit.

All of which we cheerfully submit.

Very respectfully, J. R. SHINN, *Ch'n.*

F.—REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools are at a loss to know what to write, from the fact that there has been so much written upon that subject. There seems to be little interest taken, by a large portion of the Churches that compose this Association. We find in the letters from the various Churches, that are represented here, that out of 25 Churches there are only 5 Sabbath Schools mentioned. The question then arises, is there no good in Sabbath Schools in our Churches, and neighborhoods, or is the state of religion so low, that we feel no interest in studying the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the advancement of religion here on earth? In our humble opinion, it is one of the nurseries of the Church, in which the young mind is enabled

to learn the beautiful story of the Cross, and of laying hold on eternal truth. Youth is the time to improve the mind. We ought, by all means, to have a Sabbath School in every Church and neighborhood, in order to train up our children in the way they ought to go; and as they grow to the years of accountability, that they may grow in the strength of Jesus, and be bright, and shining lights in the Redeemer's Kingdom. We would add that all, both old and young, ought to engage in this work. We therefore urge upon all Churches to have Sabbath Schools, and all the membership to go, and carry their children, thus keeping the Sabbath day holy, and learning lessons that will pertain to their eternal welfare. It remains for all those who feel an interest in Sabbath Schools to give it their aid. Never was there a time when pure Christianity should come forth with a more determined purpose than now. Our land and country are being filled with a foreign population, and no longer have we to go in search of heathens—they are to be found at our doors. To do our duty, we are then to do all in our power to establish the word of God in all our Churches; and one of those means is the Sabbath School. Have we, as an Association, as the people of God, felt the weight of immortal souls, and the means employed by God for the spread of His Gospel? If we have, we must bear our burdens, and then will we rejoice with glories that shall gather around us, and will come up on the last day.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. KYNERD.

G.—REPORT ON FINANCE.

CONTRIBUTORS.	TO WHAT OBJECTS.						
	Minutes.	Associan'l Purposes.	Widows' Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sab. Sch'l Board.	TOTAL.
Antioch Church	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem "	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 2 00
Concord "	3 00	$1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Ephesus "	1 25	50	$1 25	.....	$ 50	.....	3 50
Fellowship "	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Friendship "	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Hephzibah "	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Hopewell "	3 00	.....	.....	$6 20	.....	.....	9 20
Macedonia "	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mars Hill "	2 00	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	8 00
Medline "	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mt. Gilead "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron "	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mt. Pleasant "	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Mt. Zion "	3 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	8 00
Pine Flat "	2 00	1 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	13 00
Pisgah "	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Pleasant Hill "	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Sardis "	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 06
Siloam "	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Ocmulgee "	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Union "	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Selma "	5 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 75
Shiloh "	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Hamburg "	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
New Hope "	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Union Town "	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Cash coll. on Sab.	.....	.....	.....	8 24	10 23	$ 8 23	26 70
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Sub. Dom. Miss.*	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	100 00
" " " †	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	100 00
Totals,	$56 00	$17 50	$1 25	$234 44	$10 73	$28 48	$348 40

* Of this amount, $50 collected.

† This subscription to be applied in supplementing salaries of Ministers to destitute Churches in Cahaba Association. $10 coll'd.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVELACE,
B. F. BOLLING,
ELI GEORGE,
THOS. CUMMINGS,
} Comm.

H.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cahaba Baptist Association,
In Account with D. R. LIDE, *Treasurer.*

		Dr.	*Cr.*
1870, Oct.	16—To cash for Minutes	$44 95	
"	18—By W. A. Bishop's receipt		$44 95
"	16—To Widow's Fund	42 05	
"	18—By H. W. Crawford		42 05
"	16—To Associational purposes	18 50	
"	18 By W. A. Bishop		18 50
"	16—To Foreign Missions	8 40	
1871, Sep.	29—By Dr. M. T. Sumner's receipt		8 40
1870, Oct.	16—To Domestic Missions	11 25	
"	21—By J. B. Lovelace		11 25
"	16—To Associational Mission Fund	30 15	
1871, Sep.	29—By M. T. Sumner		30 15
		$155 30	$155 30

Respectfully submitted,
D. R. LIDE, *Treasurer.*

☞ We regret that sickness and other causes, which we could not control, have delayed the publication of the Minutes till this time. CLERK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Counties	PASTORS.	DAYS OF PREACHING.	Baptized	Rec. by L.	Dismiss'd	Expell'd	Restor'd	Died.	Tot. Mem	Assoc'n Fund	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.	Total.
Antioch	....	Hale,	Greensboro,	.....							26				
Bethlehem	S. V. McGinnis	Perry,	Pinetucky,	.....	29	3	1				70		$2.00		$2.00
Concord	J. U. Wilkes	"	Radfordsv'le	1st. S.			30				137	$1 00	3.00		4.00
Ephesus	A. J. Kinard	"	Marion,	4th "	11	11	1	2	1		71	50	1.05	50	2.05
Fellowship	C. Tubb	"	Morg. Spring	2d "	8	1	3			2	90	1 00	3.00		4.00
Friendship	J. M. Hicks	"	Pinetuckey,	4th "		3	5	4		1	65	1 00	2.00		3.00
Hephzibah	J. U. Wilkes	"	Perryville,	2d "			5			1	55	1 50	1.50		3.00
Hopewell	S. R. Freeman	"	Marion,	2d "	15	2	6				60		3.00	6 20	9.20
Macedonia	W. A. Bishop	Hale,	Havana,	2d "	4	8	2				38	1 00	1.00		2.00
Mars Hill	A. J. Kinard	Perry,	Marion,	1st "	5	1	18	1		1	79	1.00	3.00		4.00
Medline	S. V. McGinnis	"	Pinetucky,	4th "	3	1	5	4	3	2	59		2.00		2.00
Mt. Gilead		Bibb,	Centreville,	.....							52				
Mt. Hebron	W. A. Bishop	Hale,	Havana,	4th "						1	11	1 00	1.00		2.00
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Bishop	"	Carthage,	1st "	7	1	2			2	64	1 00	2.00		3.00
Mt. Zion	N. Williams	Bibb,	Centreville,	3d "	2	4				1	52		3.00	5 00	8.00
New Hope	W. J. Lee	Hale,	Fivemile	3d "			5				37		1.50		1.50
Pine Flat	J. S. Ford	Perry,	Perryville,	2d "			10				50	1.00	2.00	10 00	13.00
Pisgah	J. U. Wilkes	"	Perryville,	3d "							181	2 00	2.00		4.00
Pleasant Hill	C. Tubb	Hale,	Carthage,	4th "	2	1	1	3		1	38	1 00	1.50		2.50
Sardis	Carter Tubb	Perry,	Marion,	1st "			8			1	90	1.00	2.00		3.00
Providence	J. S. Ford	Dale,	Marion,	.....			4			2	25	1 50	1 50		3.00
Selma	E. B. Teague	"	Selma,	.....	14	10	6	1	1	4	180		5.75		5 75
Siloam	W. H. McIntosh	Perry.	Marion,	Each "	53	17	22	1		6	268	67 10	5.00	91 64	163.74
Shiloh	J. M. Heard	"	Perryville,	.....							16		50		50
Ocmulgee	J. S. Ford	"	Summerfield,	.....	9	2	2	4		2	245	1 00	3 00		4.00
Union Town	A. A. Conella	"	Union Town,	2d "	3	7				1	24		2.50		2.50
Union	W. A. Bishop	Hale,	Greensboro,	3d "						2	55	1 00	2.00		3.00